International Development Program
Style and Formatting Rules

To be followed for all International Development Program (IDP) formal, written assignments and research projects.

Introduction
The ability to write in a scholarly way is a hallmark of a person with an advanced education. The IDP requires its students to use APA style and IDP formatting rules in their formal written work to provide them with this advantage by degree completion. The rules which follow are expected to be used for every formal written paper, both in the core courses and in the focus (concentration) area courses. The following Focus (Concentration) Area course assignments must be aligned with correct IDP style and formatting rules:

1. Portfolio (IDAS597)
2. Field Practicum Report (IDAS680)
3. Synthesis Paper (IDAS635)
4. Specialization Essay (IDAS696)
5. Research Project Proposal & Report (IDAS697)

Style vs. Format
Many students ask, “What is the difference between style and format”? 

Style dictates matters related to in-text-references, and reference lists. APA style is used for IDP, and must be followed throughout the writing of academic papers.

IDP requires a certain format for all papers, and includes (1) margins and spacing, (2) placement of page numbers, (3) headings, (4) how to display tables and figures, (5) layout of table of contents and abstract.

Margins
All margins are 1 inch. This is true for every page of the research project. Some pages, because of the way the text falls, may have a bottom margin greater than 1 inch, but text may not extend below that 1-inch margin.

Indentation
1. The first line of each paragraph is indented 5-7 spaces.
2. The entire text of a block quotation is indented 5 spaces from the left margin.

Alignment
Use a ragged right margin rather than a justified margin.

Font
Times New Roman in 12 point only.

Page numbers
The page numbers are centered at the bottom of the page, from abstract on through, without exception. Do not show a page number on the title page. Thus, page numbering starts with page number 2 (two) on the abstract, or first page of the assignment. Use numerals to number pages.
Spacing
1. The abstract, table of contents, list of tables, list of illustrations, and list of abbreviations are single-spaced.
2. All text of the body of the paper is double-spaced, except for block quotations, which are single-spaced.
3. Reference lists are single-spaced, but double-spaced between entries.
4. Headings have an extra space before them.

Title Page
A cover or title page is required for each assignment. The cover page should be Times New Roman in 12 point. The title should be no more than 12 words. No abbreviations are allowed. Example found on page 20 of the IDP Student Policy Handbook.

Headings
There are three levels of headings:
Level 1: centered, capitalized and boldface
Level 2: begins at the left margin, boldface, upper- and lowercase
Level 3: begins at the left margin, first word in uppercase (and proper nouns) in text type

For levels 2 and 3, the headings does not go past mid-page.
If there are two lines (or three) in a heading, they are single spaced.

Tables
The preparation of tables requires care regarding spacing and arrangement of headings. Always refer in the text/narrative to all tables, and explain what the reader should look for. Each table should be self-explainable.

1. Use open tables.
2. Either double or single spacing may be used in creating visually appealing tables.
3. Tables are flush left.
4. Tables are numbered consecutively throughout the text with numerals: Table 1, Table 2 etc.
5. Titles of tables appear above the table. Titles should be italicized.
6. Three single spaces before and after tables.

Photographs and Maps
Do not use photographs or maps in the body of the research project. If clearly relevant, they may be included in the appendix.

Illustrations
Illustrations include graphs, charts, plans, and diagrams.
1. Titles of illustrations appear below and are italicized.
2. Illustrations are numbered Figure 1, Figure 2 etc.
3. Three single spaces before and after illustrations.
4. Illustrations are centered.
5. Figure 1 (or Figure 2 or Figure 3) is typed flush left and immediately followed on the same line by the caption (a brief descriptive phrase). The caption is italicized.
Table of Contents
The table of contents must reflect the three levels of headings if used in the paper. Each successive level is indented three spaces. The title for this page is centered, upper case, bolded.

The Abstract
The abstract is a brief, comprehensive summary of the contents of the document that will appear at the beginning of a paper. An abstract will be written for the final research project, and some core course assignments when specifically requested by the Instructor. The abstract is single spaced, and the title for this page is centered, upper case and bolded. Limit one page.
The abstract content should include the following:

Topic: a clear statement in one sentence if possible.
Purpose: a statement that describes the purpose of the study and scope of the paper.
Method: a brief description describing pertinent characteristics of the study, and methods used.
Sources: an indication of the published literature and/or personal observations involved.
Results: a report on the findings.
Conclusions: a statement of conclusions, implications, and applications.

Abbreviations
Use the full term the first time you use it and immediately follow the abbreviation in parentheses. Do not abbreviate day, week, month, year.
Plural form of abbreviations should have s added without apostrophe (Eds., vols.).
In citations, always abbreviate the first and middle names of authors.

Italics
Italics should be used very sparingly. They are appropriate to use for foreign words, for indicating titles of journals and periodicals, books, films and videos in the text, for introduction of new key technical terms and labels and bibliographies/reference lists. Underlining is not accepted.

Ellipses
Ellipsis points are used only in quoted material and have a space after each dot. When something is omitted within a quoted sentence, use three dots that look like this:

    The book used to lie . . . on the table.

When the omission comes at the end of a complete sentence, use four dots that look like this:

    The book used to lie on the table. . . . Now it’s on the chair.

The first dot is the period that completes the sentence; therefore, no space appears before it.

Use of “I”
Do not use “the experimenters” or “the researcher” when you mean yourself. This can be ambiguous and may give the impression that you did not take part in your own study. Instead, use a personal pronoun. However, do not use the editorial “we” when you mean only yourself. Use “I”. Use the active voice.
Gendered Pronouns
Do not use gender pronouns when it’s not necessary. To avoid the bias, you can paraphrase the sentence, use plural forms (they and their), replace the pronoun with an article (instead of his use the) or a noun (person, researcher, etc.).

Numbered Lists
1. Bullet points are not accepted.

2. Short enumerations within sentences, which identify elements in a series, are set off by lowercase letters within parentheses.

   The participant’s three choices were (a) working with another participant, (b) working with a team, and (c) working alone.

3. However, lists that represent hierarchical or chronological order are treated like numbered paragraphs, with each point starting on a new line and indented 0.5 inch (1.27 cm):

   Using the learned helplessness theory, we predicted that the depressed and non-depressed participants would make the following judgments of control:

   1. Individuals who . . . [paragraph continues]

   2. Non-depressed persons exposed to . . .

Use of numbers
Use figures to express numbers 10 and above and words to express numbers below 10. Numbers referring to time, dates, ages, sample or population seize, scores and points on a scale are written as figures.

   In about 3 years
   2 weeks ago
   2-year-olds
   Scored 4 on a 7-point scale

Spell out any number that begins a sentence, title, or heading or reword it to use later in the sentence.

Percentage symbol
Use a percentage symbol (%) only when it’s preceded by a numeral. The word percentage is used when a number is not given.

Statistical symbols
All statistical symbols are set in italics: N, M, df, p, SE, t, F, MS, r, SD, etc. This is true for every place they occur, even tables. Pay particular attention to whether the symbol is uppercase or lowercase. t test is lowercase even if it begins a sentence.
A one-tailed *t* test was used to determine whether a significant difference existed. (*t* test is not hyphenated)

*t* tests provided sufficient information for each sample.

However, note the hyphen here:

The author’s *t*-test results could not be explained by . . .

**Endnotes/Footnotes**
Endnotes and footnotes are not to be used.

**IN-TEXT CITATIONS**

Scholarly ethics expect writers to provide credit for any information which comes from another source than their own ideas. This is done by giving a citation in the paper matched by full information in the References. Failure to do this is intellectual dishonesty also known as plagiarism.

**REFERENCING QUOTATIONS**

Three types of quotations may be used in a paper: direct quotations, indirect quotations, and block quotations. Direct quotations, which include block quotations, *always* include a page-number reference. With indirect quotations, be sure to include a page number whenever a specific opinion or important piece of information is credited to a specific author even though you phrase that opinion and/or information in your own words.

**Direct quotation**
He stated, "The entry of the child into the strange environment causes the disturbed behavior" (Smith, 1985, p. 123), but he did not specify how the behavior was disturbed.

Smith (1985) did not specify how the child's behavior was affected, but he did state that "entry of the child into the strange environment caused disturbed behavior" (p. 123).

*Note:* Page reference appears after the quotation mark but before the period.

**Indirect quotation**
In his study, Smith (1985) observed that when the child entered the strange environment, disturbed behavior resulted.

**Block quotation**
A direct quotation of *forty words or more* should be treated as a block quotation which starts on a new line and it is indented a ½ inch from the left margin. Single-space the entire quotation.
In his study of how relationships with adults affect childhood behavior patterns, Smith (1985) stated:

After the child made some friends and identified with the adult in charge, the disturbed behavior decreased. The time factor required for this "settling in" process varied from child to child, depending on the age of the child, the general atmosphere of the new environment, and the temperaments of both the child and the adult involved. (p. 124)

Note: The final punctuation follows the material quoted. The reference follows the final punctuation.

**RULES OF REFERENCE LISTS**

A reference list includes only the books, articles, web pages, etc. that are cited in the text of the document. Each source you cite in your paper should appear in the reference section of your paper and only the entries cited in your paper should be included. The “APA style” is an author-date style for citing and referencing information in assignments and publications.

- Your references should start from a new page.
- Reference lists should appear as one alphabetical list of the first author’s surnames.
- If an item has no author, it is cited by the organization.
- If there is more than one reference with the same author, arrange the references by year of publication the earliest first – not alphabetically by title.
- References should not be numbered.
- The first line of each entry is flush-left. Each additional line for the same entry is indented ½ inch (1.27 cm) from the left margin.
- Entries are single spaced, and double spaced between entries.
- One entry should not be split between two pages.

Note: the title of the page is centered, uppercase, and bolded.

**APPENDIXES**

The Appendix contains materials that are not essential to the paper but that are useful to the reader. When the materials in the appendix fall into several categories, group similar materials in one appendix. For example, all letters should appear in one appendix, all maps in another, all tables in another, etc.

Each category of the appendix is given a letter (Appendix A, Appendix B, etc.). Each Appendix begins on a separate page (centered, bolded) and gives the letter and a title (in upper and lowercase letters).
## APA 6th Edition

### Book

#### Elements of the citation

Author(s) of book – family name and initials, *use & for multiple authors*. For place of publication, you should list the city and the state using the two letter postal abbreviation without periods.


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Retrieved from [http://Web address](http://Web address)  
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**When the same organization is listed as the author and the publisher, place the word, Author, in place of the publisher name.**  
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Reference page: Do not include the Bible in the References. In-Text citation: Titles of books of the Bible come first and may be abbreviated. Use a colon between the chapter and the verse reference. Include the version by full name but only in the first reference. Unless you introduce a different version, you won’t need to name the version again.
**Conference Papers and Proceedings**

**Elements of the citation**

Author(s) of paper – family name and initials, use & for multiple authors. (Year of publication). Title of paper. *Title of published proceeding – italicized*. Place of Publication: Publisher.

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**Dictionary or Encyclopedia**

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**Journal Article**

**Elements of the citation**

**Journal article (print)**

Author(s) of journal article – family name and initials, use & for multiple authors. (Year of publication). Title of journal article. *Journal name* – italicized, *Volume* – italicized(Issue or number), Page number(s).

**Journal article (retrieved online)**

Author(s) of journal article – family name and initials, use & for multiple authors. (Year of publication). Title of journal article. *Journal name* – italicized, *Volume* – italicized(Issue or number), Page number(s). Retrieved from http://www.xxxxx

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Lecture Notes

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Name of author(s) or the institution responsible, use & for multiple authors. (Year of publication). Title and subtitle of publication – italicized, Name of institution, Location of institution.

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Newspaper and Magazine Articles

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Author(s) of article – family name and initials, use & for multiple authors. (Year of publication, month day). Title of article. Title of newspaper– italicized, p. page number(s).

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### Secondary Source/Indirect Citation

**Elements of the citation**

A secondary source or indirect citation is when the ideas of one author are published in another author’s text but you have not read or accessed the original author’s work. In the References List provide the details of the work you have read.

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Webpages

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Author(s) of page – person or organization, use & for multiple authors. (Year page created or revised). *Title of page – italicized*. Retrieved from web address. Do not include retrieval date unless the material may change over time (e.g., Wikis).

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### Other Internet Sources

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Author. (Year, month day). Title, [Type of media]. Retrieved from Web address

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**Video or DVD**

**Elements of the citation**

Producer, A. A. (Producer), & Director, B. B. (Director). (Year). *Title of video or DVD – italicized* [Motion picture, DVD, etc]. Place of origin: Studio.

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Examples for in-text citations and reference lists are taken from the following:
